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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INDIANA STATE IOGA TRADE MISSION

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1. WE FEEL MIXED PRODUCT TYPE MISSION, WHILE LIKELY TO GENERATE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF GOODWILL, IS NOT BEST WAY TO APPROACH OMANI MARKET. THEREFORE RECOMMEND MUSCAT NOT RPT NOT BE INCLUDED ON MISSION'S ITINERARY. FACTORS SUPPORTING THIS RECOMMENDATION ARE EXTREME HOTEL SHORTAGE, FREQUENT CANCELLATION OF RESERVATIONS EVEN WHEN CONFIRMED, AND DIFFICULTY ARRANGING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION.

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2. HOWEVER, IF CERTAIN MISSION MEMBERS WISH TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN OMAN AFTER TERMINATION ORGANIZED MISSION, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE. OF PRODUCT GROUPS MENTIONED IN F. JAY LAHR LETTER, BUILDING MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND AGRICULTURE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT HAVE BEST CHANCE HERE. OTHER PRIME PROSPECTS REPORTED OMAN TRENDS REPORT, ELSEWHERE.

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